Erika A. Heath – State Bar No. 304683 1 ERIKA HEATH, ATTORNEY AT LAW 2 369 Pine Street, Suite 410 3 San Francisco, CA 94104 Telephone: (415) 426-7850 4 erika@heathlegal.com 5 Attorneys for Plaintiff 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 ANTWAN LOVE, Case No. 3:19-cv-7730 10 11 Plaintiff, **COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF** FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT 12 v. 13 CHECKR, INC. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 14 Defendant. 15 16 17 **INTRODUCTION** 18 1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer 19 against Defendant Checkr, Inc. (hereafter "Checkr"), for violations of the Fair Credit 20 Reporting Act (hereafter the "FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq., as amended. 21 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 22 Jurisdiction of this court arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1681p and 28 U.S.C. 2. 23 § 1331. 24 3. Venue lies properly in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). 25 Pursuant to L.R. 3-2(c)-(d), this case should be assigned to the San Francisco 26 Division of this Court because a substantial part of the events or omissions which 27 gave rise to the lawsuit occurred in San Francisco County. 28

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PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff Antwan Love is an adult individual residing in Clinton, IA.
- 5. Defendant Checkr is a business entity that regularly conducts business in the Northern District of California, and which has its headquarters and a principal place of business located at 2505 Mariposa Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Plaintiff has been employed as a driver with Uber Technologies, Inc. ("Uber") since at least August 2018.
- 7. As part of Uber's routine review of its drivers, requested a consumer report from Checkr, and Checkr sold to Uber a consumer report concerning the Plaintiff on or around July 2019.
- 8. Uber contracts with Checkr to supply "consumer reports" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(d) for employment purposes.
- 9. The consumer report supplied by Checkr contained at least one item of information which was a matter of public record and of the type of information that was likely to have an adverse effect upon Plaintiff's ability to obtain employment generally, and specifically with Uber.
- 10. Defendant Checkr has been reporting, and did here report, derogatory and inaccurate statements and information relating to Plaintiff to third parties ("inaccurate information").
- 11. The inaccurate information includes, but is not limited to, a record of a conviction with an incorrect disposition date. This record appears on the consumer report Checkr sold about Plaintiff to Uber as having a disposition date of November 13, 2011.
- 12. In fact, the correct disposition date is a full ten (10) years prior to the date reported by Checkr.

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- 13. The inaccurate information grossly disparages the Plaintiff and portrays him as recently committing crimes, which he has not. There is perhaps no greater error that a consumer reporting agency can make.
- A simple review of the public records would have revealed the 14. inaccuracy; however, Defendant Checkr failed to conduct such a review, and sold Plaintiff's employer a consumer report that contained the inaccurate information.
- 15. Plaintiff was subsequently terminated from his employment with Uber, was suspended from his ability to continue to drive for Uber, and Plaintiff was informed by Uber that the basis for this denial and suspension was the inclusion of the inaccurate criminal information on Plaintiff's Checkr consumer report, that the inaccurate information was a substantial factor for the denial and suspension.
- Here, Uber used the Checkr report in its determination about Plaintiff's 16. eligibility for employment and on or around July 12, 2019, Uber deemed that the Plaintiff was ineligible for employment, and terminated his employment due to the inaccurate information contained in the Checkr report.
- As of result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in the form of lost employment opportunities, delayed employment opportunities, harm to reputation, and emotional distress, including humiliation and embarrassment.
- At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant was acting by and through its 18. agents, servants and/or employees who were acting within the course and scope of their agency or employment, and under the direct supervision and control of the Defendant herein.
- At all times pertinent hereto, the conduct of the Defendant, as well as 19. that of its agents, servants and/or employees, was intentional, willful, reckless, and in grossly negligent disregard for federal law and the rights of the Plaintiff herein.

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VIOLATIONS OF THE FCRA

- 20. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 21. At all times pertinent hereto, Defendant Checkr is a "person" and a "consumer reporting agency" as those terms are defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(b) and (f).
- At all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff was a "consumer" as that term is 22. defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c).
- 23. At all times pertinent hereto, the above-mentioned credit reports were "consumer reports" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(d).
- Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n and 15 U.S.C. § 1681o, Defendant is 24. liable to the Plaintiff for willfully and negligently failing to comply with the requirements imposed on a consumer reporting agency of information pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b).
- 25. The conduct of Defendant was a direct and proximate cause, as well as a substantial factor, in bringing about the serious injuries, actual damages and harm to the Plaintiff that are outlined more fully above and, as a result, Defendant is liable to the Plaintiff for the full amount of statutory, actual and punitive damages, along with the attorney's fees and the costs of litigation, as well as such further relief, as may be permitted by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff seeks judgment in Plaintiff's favor and damages against the Defendant, based on the following requested relief:

- (a) Actual damages;
- Statutory damages; (b)
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JURY TRIAL DEMAND Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues. Dated: November 22, 2019 Respectfully submitted, BY: _/s/ Erika Heath_ ERIKA A. HEATH, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff **COMPLAINT**

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